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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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a. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-134800. English abstract enclosed.

b. Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-188291. Is disclosed on page 3 of the present application and an English abstract is also enclosed.

c. Japanese Patent Publication No. 58-203635. Is disclosed on page 3 of the present application and an English abstract is also enclosed.

d. Japanese Patent Publication No. 09-265629. English abstract enclosed.

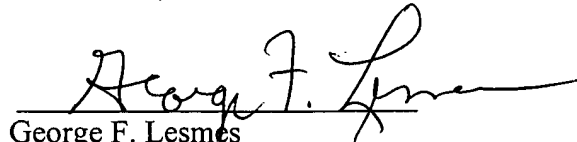
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